Disbursal and division of additional Excise Duty

*227. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleasad to state:

(a) whether the Ninth Finance Com mission has stated 'hat consumption alone should not be the criteria with regard to disbnrsal and division of A.E.D. (Additional Excise Duty);

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Go vernment thereto;

(c) whether tirade and industry have represented on this issue; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The Ninth Finance Commis-sion in sts First Report has observed that because of the problem in arriving at the State-wise consumption data of the relevant commodities, the Ninth Finance Commission have used the proxies employed by the Eighth Finance Commisssion, namely, the State Domes-tic Product (SOP) and population. In case of the Second Report of the Ninth Finance Finance Cominission also the Commission have relied on these proxies, namely, SDP and population of the res-pective States. The percentages recom-mended by the Commission in its 1st and 2nd reports fur distribution of Adi-ditionll Excise Duty (AED) to Slates based on above norms were accepted by the Government.

(c) No such representation has been re-ceived in the Ministry of Finance.

(d) Does not arise.

Development and Export of Handicraft* and Handloom Products from Orissa

*228 SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

fa) whether Government have drawn up any scheme for the development and export of handicrafts and handloom products from Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRl G. VENKAT SWAMI): (a) and (b) The schemes being implemented for development and export of handicrafts and handloom products of the country, including those of the stats of Orsssa, are as follows:

Handicrafts

Training; design and technical deve-lopment; national awards for outstanding craftsmanship; old age/disability pension; market development support; assistance for exhibstions and publicity.; setting up of craft development centres; surveys and studies; and, revival of languishing crafts.

Under these schemes, to far 41 crafts training centres and three craft development centres have been set up in Orissa. 45 craftspersons/wetvers from the State have received National Awards for outstanding craftsmanship and twelve of these are presently receiveing old age/ disability pensions. During 1992-93, 30 exhibitions of Orissa handicrafts were sponsored. In these years two studies pertaining to sooio-economic conditions of craftspersons and two projects' for revival of langurshing crafts in the State were commissioned and a crafts design workshop was organised.

Handlooms

Cchemes aimed at development . and export of handloom products interalia include setting up of 3,000 Handloom Development Centres (UDCs) and .500 Quality Dying Units (QDUs) in the country out of which 198 Centres and 45 Quality Dyeing Units are proposed for the State of Orissa. The total investment in these schemes during 1993-97 is estimated to be Rs. 849.15 crores, out of which Rs. 56.98 crores is expected to be in Orssst Under the project

Package Scheme, assistance is provided for development of a product, development of an area or a specific category of weavers. Margin money is also provided to destitute weavers to become members of a coop, society engaged in the task of handloom production. Integrated Handloom Village Development Programme envisages a comprehensive development of a villagt of handloom concentration by strengthening its infrastructure, training, design development, etc Apart from this, welfare schemes viz., Workshed-cum-Housing, Health package, Group insurance, Thrift Fund scheme are being implemented for the benefit of handloom weavers.

23, Weavers Service Centre; and 5 Indian Institutes of Handloom Techno-logy established in different parts of the country continuously provide training and design input in weaving, dyeing and processing to the weavers in their respective areas. One such Weavers Service Centre is Iocated in Bhubaneswar. This Centre is also equipped with computer sided design facility which has helped weavers in their export efforts. Requisite marketing support is being provided to the weavers by provision of Market Development Assistance and organisation of National Handloom Expos and specilalised handloom fairs. To ensure larger coverage of handloom weavers in the rural areas, a scheme has been drawn up to provide assistance to weavers under the ongoing Rural Development Programmes.

Financial assistance provided by Govt, of India to the Govt of Orissa increased from a sum of Rs. 11.15 crores during 1992-93 to Rs. 16.29 crores in 1993-94.

(c) Apart, from developmental activities under the schemes cited in (a) and. (b) above, the steps undertaken in this regard during the Eighth Five Year Plan area as follows:

(5) Organising buyer-seller meets.

(ii) Sponsoring Sales-cum-study teams abroad.

(iii) Participttion in international fairs and exhibitions,

(iv) Overseas publicity of Indian handicrafts through catalogues and advertisements,

(v) Organising, an annual Indian handicrafts and Gift Fair, Carpet Trade Fair and Handloom Expos in the country.

(vi) Project Package Scheme for diversification of traditional handloom products for export from Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(vii) Conducting workshops/seminers at important production centres.

(viii) Publication of catelogue of Indian colours and exhtustive products manual for improving the overall quality of handloom products for experts.

(ix) Organising training programmes of weavers and producers at important handloom centrts in the country.

(x) Coverage of handloom weavers under rural development programmes:

— Supply of looms to loomess weavers under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP).

— Specialized training of handloom weavers under the scheme for Training of Rural youth for Self-Employment (TRYS-EM).

— Coverage of SC/ST weavers for housing under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY).

— Setting up of 1008 Common Faci lities Centres tinder the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

Monrtoring of foreign Banks

*229; DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI.

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any specific action or framed guidelines for monitoring operations of the foreign banks if so, what are the details and if not, the reason's for' not doing so; and